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December 10, 2007

Hon. Loretta A. Preska Judge, U.S. District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Rm 1320 New York, NY 10007

> Re: U.S. v. Rigoberto Velasco 07 Crim 275

Dear Judge Preska,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the undersigned be excused from appearing in any further court proceedings to be held in the referenced case for the reasons that counsel has been substituted by attorney Barry Schulman of 16 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY pursuant to a written Consent of Change of Attorney signed by the defendant and that Mr. Schulman has entered his notice of appearance.

cc: A.U.S.A. Ray Brodsky

Respectfully submitted,

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